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- I. **AUTHORITY:** *Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.220, 1798 and 1798.102.*
- II. **APPLICATION:** This policy establishes guidelines for triaging Orange County base hospital (BH) designated non-traumatic neurosurgical patients to a designated paramedic trauma receiving center (PTRC).
- III. **PROCEDURE:** If the BH physician suspects immediate neurosurgery may be indicated, the patient may be triaged to a PTRC even though the patient has not suffered trauma.
- A. The BH physician shall have sole authority for triage of a suspected neurosurgical patient to a PTRC.
 - B. Patients with suspected medical CNS disease (e.g., CVA, seizure disorders, tumors) shall be triaged to the nearest paramedic receiving center hospital with CT availability.
 - C. Non-traumatic neurosurgical patients include, but are not limited to, those patients assessed as likely to have the following conditions:
 - 1. Intracranial hemorrhage.
 - 2. Spinal cord disease with neurologic deficits.

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